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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Also enclosed is a copy of an International Search Report issued in the corresponding foreign application.

JP 5-255730 and the English abstract attached thereto discloses a production of gray cast iron with high vibration damping capacity.

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EP 0 616 040 and the English abstract attached thereto disclose a method of treating cast iron with lamellar graphite to produce cam shafts.

JP 61-60855 and the English abstract attached thereto disclose a spheroidal graphite cast iron.

JP 49-2712 and the English abstract attached thereto disclose an abrasion resistant cast iron degree iron silicon.

JP 3-188239 and the English abstract attached thereto disclose an alloy cast iron for friction material.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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